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N.C.A.E.R. REPORT ON JUTE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether N.C.A.E.R in its study has estimated that the number of jute growers is four million;

(b) If so, the source of estimate of correct figure;

(c) Whether the N.C.A.E.R in its report of 1994 had also concluded that `Jute Grower in fact seems to be losing by growing jute` due to exploitation by middlemen and mill owners; and

(d) If so, the action the Government is taking to protect the interests of jute farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The National Council of Applied Economic Research (N.C.E.A.R), New Delhi issued a report in April 1994 titled `Economic implications of Jute retting Practices on its quality and price` which has also stated inter-alia that jute provides sustenance to some 4 million farm families inhabiting the eastern region. Their study was based on field survey and collection of data from field units.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. However, in order to protect the interest of jute growers, Jute Corporation of India (JCI) with the help of State Cooperatives has been doing Minimum Support Price (MSP) OperationsEfforts are made by JCI to involve more and more State level Cooperatives in jute growing areas for conducting MSP Operations.